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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN SYRIAN PETROLEUM
EXPLORATION

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1. NEWS OF AVAILABILITY OF CONCESSION AREAS IN SYRIA HAS
SPREAD VERY WIDELY THROUGH AMERICAN OIL COMMUNITY. EARLIER
THIS YEAR, USDOC CONTACTED A NUMBER OF FIRMS AND HAD NOTICE
PUBLISHED BY AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE AND INDEPENDENT
OIL PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION. IN ADDITION TO FIRMS MENTIONED
IN REFTTEL, WE HAVE RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM VARIOUS FIRMS
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INCLUDING AMINOIL, QUINTANA, STANDARD OF INDIANA, CONTIN-

ENTAL OIL CO., EXXON, AND MOBIL. LATTER TWO, HOWEVER,
WERE CAUTIOUS BECAUSE OF THEIR OUTSTANDING NATIONALIZATION
CLAIMS.

2. IN GENERAL, WE HAVE RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT AMERICAN
FIRMS CAUTIOUS ABOUT SYRIA BECAUSE OF THEIR RELATIVELY
LOW ESTIMATE OF OIL PROSPECTS THERE, BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY
TOUGH TERMS PROPOSED BY SYRIANS, AND BECAUSE OF MEMORY OF
PAST DIFFICULTIES IN DEALING WITH SYRIA. KISSINGER

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